



# Sri Vaiṣṇava-śaraṇa

## Surrender to the Vaiṣṇavas

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*vṛndāvana-bāsī jata vaiṣṇavera gaṇa  
prathame vandanā kori sabāra caraṇa*

First of all, I offer my worship to the lotus feet of the residents of Vrindavan, all of whom are *vaiṣṇavas*.

*nīlācala-bāsī jata mahāprabhura gaṇa  
bhūmite paḍiyā vandoṇ sabāra caraṇa*

Next, I fall down on the ground and worship the lotus feet of all of Mahāprabhu's associates who live in Nīlācala, Jagannath Puri Dham.

*navadvīpa-bāsī jata mahāprabhura bhakta  
sabāra caraṇa vandoṇ hañā anurakta*

I then worship the devotees of Mahāprabhu in Nabadwip and pray for loving attachment to their lotus feet.

*mahāprabhura bhakta jata gauḍa-deśe sthiti  
sabāra caraṇa vandoṇ koriyā praṇati*

I then worship the lotus feet of all of Mahāprabhu's devotees residing in Gaudadesh, Bengal.

*ye deśe ye deśe baise gaurāṅgera gaṇa  
ūrdhva-bāhu kori' vandoṇ sabāra caraṇa*

With upraised arms I worship the lotus feet of Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu's dear devotees, wherever they may reside.

*hañāchena haibena prabhura jata dāsa  
sabāra caraṇa vandoṇ dante kori ghāsa*

With straw in my teeth I worship the lotus feet of all the servants of Mahāprabhu that ever were in the past or that ever will be in the future.

*brahmāṇḍa tārīte śakti dhare jane jane  
e veda-purāṇe guṇa gāya jebā śuṇe*

In the Vedas and *Purāṇas* it is said that each of the dear devotees of Sriman Mahāprabhu has the potency to deliver the entire universe.

*mahāprabhura gaṇa-saba patita-pāvana  
tāi lobhe mui pāpī la-inu śaraṇa*

The devotees of Sri Chaitanya Mahāprabhu are deliverers of the most degraded persons. Being greedy for that deliverance, this sinner surrenders unto them.

*vandanā korite mui kata śakti dhari  
tamo buddhi doṣe mui dambha mātra kori*

What power or ability do I have to glorify the devotees of Sri Chaitanya Mahāprabhu? Being engrossed in ignorance, it is only out of pride that I attempt to do so.

*tathāpi mūkera bhāgya manera ullāsa  
doṣa kṣami' mo adhame koro nija dāsa*

Even though I have no speaking power to glorify them, still I am feeling great pleasure in my mind. Please overlook my faults, O *vaiṣṇavas*, and make me your servant.

*sarva vāñchā siddhi haya yama-bandha chuṭe  
jagade durlabha hañā prema-dhana huṭe*

The great wealth of *prema* is very rare in this world, but by somehow obtaining it all desires are fulfilled and one achieves freedom from the clutches of Yamarāj.

*manera vāsanā pūrṇa acirāte haya  
devakīnandana dāsa ei lobhe koya*

Being greedy that the desire of his heart be fulfilled very soon, Devakinandan Das writes this song.



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